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SMALL GROUP



WEEK

THREE

MARCH 2019

3-5

YEAR-OLDS

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME



BIBLE STORY

I am important to God.

**YOU ARE IMPORTANT
TO GOD**
LUKE 12:7; JOHN 3:16

MEMORY VERSE

"I am fearfully and
wonderfully made."

PSALM 139:14, NIV

KEY QUESTION

Who made you?

BOTTOM LINE

God made me.

BASIC TRUTH

God made me.

PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience

For Leaders Only
Monthly Overview
Create the Environment

15
MIN

SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

Offer one or more of these activities as preschoolers arrive.
YOU Are Important
Do You Know?
Counting Hairs

10
MIN

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

More Than Anything
Get Up

10
MIN

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

Introductory Sketch
Bible Story
Prayer

25
MIN

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Offer as many of these activities as your time, facilities, resources, and leadership allow.
Block Hop
God Loved Us and Sent His Son
Brainstorm
God Made YOU!
Important
Journal and Prayer

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Going Home
Parent Cue

15 MINUTES

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MOVE

an activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn

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1. YOU ARE IMPORTANT

WHAT YOU NEED: "Block" Activity Page and white cardstock

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy the "Block" Activity Page onto cardstock. (NOTE: Since children will stand on the "Block" page, you might consider laminating it if you have access to a laminator.)

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Gather the children in an open area of the room in a circle. Place the Activity Page on the floor in the center of the circle. Call on a child to step out of the circle and onto the block. Lead the children to sing the lyrics below to the tune of "Where Is Thumbkin?" using the child's name that's in the center. Repeat, giving each child an opportunity to stand in the center so that the children can sing to him/her.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Hey, friends! Come stand with me over here. Let's hold hands and make a circle. (Pause.) There we go! Today I thought we could sing about how important you are. When I call your name, I want you to come and stand on the block on the floor. When you do, we're going to sing to you."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "[Child's name], please come and stand on the block. Awesome. Here's what we will sing, friends."

[Child's name] is important. Yes, he/she is.	[Child's name] is important. Yes, he/she is.
[Child's name] is important. Yes, he/she is.	[Child's name] is important. Yes, he/she is.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "That was SUPER fun! I wanted each of you to have a turn to stand in the center because each one of you is SO important! God loves you so much, and we know that for sure because God made you! We'll hear more about just how important you are to God in our Bible story today."

TRANSITION: Move to Worship and Story by calling out a child's name and leading the group to sing to that child again. Repeat with each child as you walk to Large Group.

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15 MINUTES

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PLAY

an activity that encourages preschoolers to follow guidelines while having fun and learning new concepts

MEMORY VERSE

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PSALM 139:14, NIV

KEY QUESTION

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2. DO YOU KNOW?

WHAT YOU NEED: Three dark-colored cups and a DUPLO® block

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Place the cups upside down on a table.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Guide the children to stand in front of the cups. Place the block under one of the cups where the children can see. Mix up the cups up without lifting them. Ask the children to watch closely and try to guess which cup the block is under. Repeat several times.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "We are going to play a super fun game!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: (*Place the block under a cup.*) "Watch very closely and keep your eye on the cup with the block under it. I am going to mix them up! Are you ready?" (*Pause and do activity.*)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Wonderful job! You are super smart! It is hard to know everything and get everything right all the time. Today we are going to hear a Bible story about someone who knows EVERYTHING!"

TRANSITION: Move to Worship and Story by chanting this month's Bottom Line, "God made me," as you walk to the story area.

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EXPLORE

an activity that channels a preschooler's innate curiosity into a discussion of the week's crucial concepts

MEMORY VERSE

"I am fearfully and wonderfully made."

PSALM 139:14, NIV

KEY QUESTION

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BASIC TRUTH

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3. COUNTING HAIRS

WHAT YOU NEED: Several Barbie® or baby dolls with hair; and preschool-safe hair clips and bows

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Place the dolls in an open area of the room.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage the children to select a doll and to try to count all the hairs on the dolls' heads. You may also encourage them to place the bows or clips in the dolls' hair.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Everyone come gather here with me and select a doll. Can you count the hairs on your doll's head? Let's see if you can! You can also place a bow or clip in your doll's hair."

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "It's impossible for us to count every hair on these dolls' heads! But guess who COULD do that. God! He knows exactly how many hairs on are YOUR head right now. Can you believe it? You are so important to God that He even knows how many hairs are on your head! We'll hear more about just how important you are to God in Large Group today. Let's go!"

TRANSITION: Move to Worship and Story by calling out a number between 1 and 10 or 1 and 20 and leading the children to count to that number together as you travel to Large Group.



PRELUDE

SOCIAL

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HOME

25 MINUTES

**HEAR
FROM GOD**
MEMORY VERSE
REVIEW



MOVE

an activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn

BIBLE STORY

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TO GOD**
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1. BLOCK HOP

WHAT YOU NEED: "Block Hop" Activity Pages, white or different colored cardstock, and floor tape

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Block Hop" on cardstock and tape each block on the floor in a pathway around the activity area. Make sure to put the blocks in order of the memory verse. The blocks should be about 18 inches from each other.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Instruct the children to hop on the blocks around the activity area as they say the memory verse. Repeat as desired.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Our memory verse is about how God made us!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "I see blocks on the floor that say our memory verse. We can make things out of blocks too! Let's hop on the blocks while we say our memory verse!" (Do activity.)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Great job! We are wonderfully made. God knows everything about us. **Who made you? God made me!**"

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25 MINUTES

TALK
ABOUT GOD
BIBLE STORY
REVIEW



CREATE

an activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, bottom line, or memory verse by creating a craft to take home

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2. GOD LOVED US AND SENT HIS SON

WHAT YOU NEED: "John 3:16" and "Images" Activity Pages, white cardstock, scissors, glue sticks, heart stickers (*one per child*), and washable markers

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy the "John 3:16" Activity Page onto cardstock. Provide one per child. Copy the "Images" Activity Page onto cardstock and cut apart. Provide one image per child. Place the glue sticks, markers, and heart stickers on the tables.

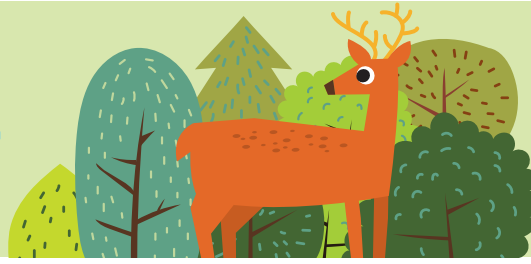
DURING THE ACTIVITY: Hold up one of the "John 3:16" Activity Pages and read it aloud to the children. Then encourage the children to complete the verse by adding a heart sticker to the "heart" spot, writing his/her name on the line with a washable marker, and gluing the image of Jesus into the box at the bottom.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Set the pages aside for pick up.

WHAT YOU SAY:

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Today we heard a VERY important verse that shows us just how very important we are to God! (*Hold up the "John 3:16" Activity Page.*) John 3:16 tells us that God loved you so much that He sent Jesus. We need to fill in the blanks on our paper. What's that first word? (*Pause.*) Yes. It says, 'God.' The next word in the verse is 'love,' but it's blank. Do you have a sticker that means love? (*Pause.*) Yes! Your heart sticker means love. Let's put that there. Now I want you to write your name on the line. Our paper says, 'God loved your name so much that He sent . . .' Who did God send? (*Pause.*) Yes! He sent Jesus! Let's glue one of these small images of Jesus in the box at the bottom to remind us that God sent Jesus."

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "God does love each one of us SO much that He sent Jesus. You are so important to God. He made you! **Who made you? God made me.**"



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25 MINUTES

**LIVE
FOR GOD
APPLICATION
ACTIVITY**



THINK

an advanced activity specifically designed for older preschoolers

BIBLE STORY

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TO GOD
LUKE 12:7; JOHN 3:16**

3. BRAINSTORM

WHAT YOU NEED: Butcher paper, wall tape, and a marker

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Hang the butcher paper vertically on a wall in the activity area at preschool level. Write "IMPORTANT THINGS" across the top of the paper.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Have the children sit in front of the paper. Ask the children to call out things that are important to them. Write each item that is called out on the paper.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Read all of the items listed on the paper aloud. Tell the children that to God they are more important than all of the items on the paper.

MEMORY VERSE

"I am fearfully and wonderfully made."

PSALM 139:14, NIV

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "You are very important to God."

KEY QUESTION

Who made you?

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Let's work together and think of things that are important. I think a house is important. (*Write 'house' on the paper.*) Can you tell me something that is important?" (*Do activity.*)

BOTTOM LINE

God made me.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "WOW! We have a lot written on our paper. Let's read the list. (*Read the list.*) These are all super important things, but to God YOU are even more important than these things! (*Point to paper.*) God made us! **Who made you? God made me!**"

BASIC TRUTH

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4. GOD MADE YOU!

WHAT YOU NEED: A small, soft ball

WHAT YOU DO:

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Gather the children in an open area of the room to stand or sit in a circle. Encourage the children to toss or roll the ball to a friend. When they do, that child should say, "God made you."

MEMORY VERSE

"I am fearfully and wonderfully made."

PSALM 139:14, NIV

WHAT YOU SAY:

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, come gather here with me. Let's stand/sit in a circle. I want each of you to take turns tossing/rolling the ball to a friend. As you do, I want you to say, 'God made you.' Why? Because He DID! God made each one of us. Let's make sure we toss/roll the ball to every single friend in the circle."

KEY QUESTION

Who made you?

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Great job tossing/rolling the ball, friends! God made (*name each child*), and you are so important to Him that He sent Jesus to be your friend forever. **Who made you? God made me.**"

BOTTOM LINE

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5. IMPORTANT

WHAT YOU NEED: "Bubble" Activity Page, light blue cardstock, scissors, large craft sticks (*one per child*), clear tape, and stickers

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy the Activity Page onto the cardstock and cut on the dotted lines. Each child will need one bubble.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Give each child a bubble, and allow them to decorate their bubbles with the stickers.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Help the children tape the top of a craft stick to the back of the bubble to use as a handle.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "You are important to God! We are going to make a sign that you can show everyone to let them know that you are important to God."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: (*Give each child a bubble.*) "Your bubble says, 'I am important to God!' Use the stickers to decorate your bubble." (*Do activity.*)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Great job! Your bubbles look wonderful! Now you can tell everyone that God made you and that you are important to God. **Who made you? God made me!**"

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**PRAY
TO GOD**
PRAYER
ACTIVITY



REFLECT

an activity that encourages personal application and prayer

BIBLE STORY

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6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER

WHAT YOU NEED: Paperclip “Memory Verse Card” in your Bible at Psalm 139:14. Provide a journal and a fun-shaped pen for each small group. You will also need a sheet of gold stars.

SMALL GROUP LEADER (SGL): “It’s Small Group time. If you’re important to God, raise your hand.

(Look around and smile with your hand raised.)

MEMORY VERSE

“I am fearfully and wonderfully made.”

PSALM 139:14, NIV

“Everyone’s hand should be raised high in the air because every person is important to God. So get your hands high in the air! Yay! Now, if your hand is up, follow me to our Small Group spot! Keep those hands high in the air!

(Lead the children to your Small Group spot.)

“We made it! High fives for everyone!

KEY QUESTION

Who made you?

“Now I need everyone who is important to God to sit down when I count to three. That means everyone should sit down when I say three, because everyone is important to God. One, two, three, sit down with me!

(Open the Bible and lay it open in front of the children.)

BOTTOM LINE

God made me.

“Good job! Our Bible story today was about how you and you and you . . . *(point to each child)* are important to God. God made you. That makes you very important to Him. **Who made you?**”

CHILDREN AND SGL: “God made me!”

SGL: “He sure did! And God did a wonderful job making you too! Our Bible verse says so.

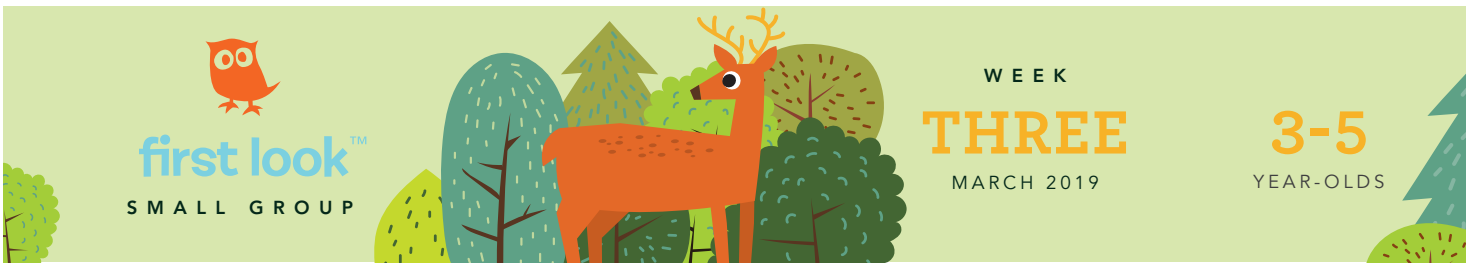
(Turn the pages of your Bible to the Memory Verse Card.)

“It says: I am fearfully and wonderfully made, Psalm 139:14.

(Close Bible and lay it down.)

BASIC TRUTH

God made me.



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"Stand up with me so we can say this verse with the motions. Just say what I say and do what I do."

CHILDREN AND SGL: "I am (*point thumbs to chest*) fearfully (*right arm muscle*) and wonderfully (*left arm muscle*) made (*clap hands together*), Psalm 139:14." (*Hold hands open like a book.*) (*Repeat the verse with motions a few times.*)

SGL: "You sound amazing! (*Give two thumbs up.*) Let's sit back down now. It's time to write in our journal and pray."
(*Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.*)

SGL: "Today we learned that we are important to God. We are so important to God He even knows how many hairs are on our heads! But do you know what's even more amazing than that? We are so important to God, He sent His Son, Jesus, to be our friend forever. It's true!

"Okay, so because you are so important to God, I want to do something special with your names in our journal. I am going to give each of you a gold star sticker. When I say your name I will write it in our journal and you can put your gold star by your name. Okay, listen for your name!

(*Give each child a gold star and say the following.*)

"[Name of child] is important to God. (*Let them put a star by their name.*)

"Your stars look so special, and they should because you are very important to God. I'm going to pray now and thank God for loving us so much. Would anyone like to pray before I pray?"

(*Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.*)

PRAYER

SGL: "Dear God, thank You for making (*name each child*). I hope they grow up believing that they are important to You. You made them and love them so much so that you sent Your Son, Jesus, to be our friend forever. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."